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PÆONY CIRCULAR

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A collection of over two hundred named varieties, both single and double, including the new

RICHARDSON'S
SEEDLINGS

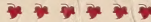
which have never before been disseminated.



CHERRY HILL NURSERY

West Newbury, Mass.

- - - T. C. THURLOW, Proprietor



The "Old Pæony" of our gardens, is deservedly receiving more attention, both in this Country and Europe. With the introduction of new varieties from China, Japan and Siberia, and by the crossing or hybridizing these varieties, with our own best sorts—new varieties have been obtained—which for beauty of form, elegance of color, and delicious fragrance, almost rival the rose, the carnation and the waterlily. Add to this, the pæony is so far, free from all insects and diseases, being perfectly hardy in all situations, although newly set plants are better for a slight covering on the approach of winter. Although the pæony will live and flourish in any ordinary soil, yet to obtain the *best results*, or secure "prize flowers," plant in a rich moist soil—trench at least two feet deep, and apply manure liberally on the surface. The pæony can remain unmolested for years, and each year the flowers will improve in size and beauty; but a skilful propagator will dig and divide his plants in the fall, every two or three years; some varieties can thus be increased a hundred-fold in six or eight years. I have been for over fifteen years collecting and growing my present stock of pæonies. Having secured the best varieties obtainable in this country, I imported from the most reliable growers in England, France and Belgium, in every case the *very best* on their catalogues; in one instance paying \$1.75 per root in England, for twenty-five new sorts, that had never before been sent out. I am now prepared to offer all these (in limited quantities) at a very much reduced rate. Of course the plants will be *divided* (not whole clumps) but none will be sold too small to insure their growth with ordinary care. Our pæonies have several times taken prizes at the Exhibitions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Boston.

In 1893 we exhibited seventy-five varieties at one time. *The Boston Transcript* of that date said "It was altogether the finest display of pæonies ever seen in Boston."

This season we exhibited pæonies for four weeks in succession. They commence blooming the last of May and continue through June. For several years I have found it profitable, to sell the flowers. One florist near Boston contemplates planting an acre of pæonies for cut-flowers.

Pæonies, Iris, Phlox, etc., do much better planted in the fall.

We shall be prepared to ship from the middle to last of September, and continue till the ground freezes. Everything on this list will be packed in light boxes, with clean moss, *packing free*, correctly and securely labelled, and sent by *Express*, unless ordered otherwise. *The American Express Co., will deliver all nursery stock at very much reduced rates, viz:*

Stock will be delivered in New York City at \$.80 per 100 lbs.

"	"	"	"	"	Chicago	"	1.80	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	St. Louis	"	2.40	"	"	"

By **FERIN** any bank in Newburyport, or any of the older Nursery Firms in the New England or Middle States.

Terms.—Those unacquainted with us, are respectfully requested to send cash with the order, as it saves much time and expense. Kindly say whether if any particular variety is exhausted, we may substitute another of equal value, or return the money. Those who leave the selection of varieties, wholly or in part to us, may depend upon our best personal selection.

SINGLE HERBACEOUS PÆONIES.

Fifty cents each, except as priced. Twelve varieties, our selection \$5.00.

Some of the new single pæonies are even more beautiful than the double ones; being very delicate, they are most suitable as cut-flowers, and generally bloom quite early; below are some of the best varieties obtainable.

Adana, French white, \$1.00 each.

Apollo, deep rose.

Bridesmaid, white, extra, \$1.00 each.

Brumalia, purple.

Diana, deep rose.

Discordia, light plum color.

Gorgonius, crimson.

Hermes, rosy pink.

Ismarus, flesh, 75 cents each.

Janus, light purple.

Leucadia, rich rose, 75 cents each.

Millais, maroon, very extra, \$1.00 each.

Oniverie, crimson, very fine, \$1.00 each.

Paradoxa, (early), crimson

Paradoxa rosea, (early), golden rose.

Proserpine, rose, 75 cents each.

Prince Alexander, cherry, extra, 75 cents each.

Queen of May, French white, \$1.00 each.

Whitleyi, white.

DOUBLE HERBACEOUS PÆONIES.

SERIES A.

Each plant 35 cents; 12 plants (12 varieties) \$3.00. 100 plants, our selection \$15.00.

Albiflora, red.

Artemise, soft rose pink; fine.

Baron Rothschild, pink, semi-double.

Cherita, dark rose.

Double white.

Double white (Hovey's), white, buff centre.

Duchesse d'Orleans, salmon pink.

Dr. Brettoneau, flesh colored yellow.

Francois Ortegal, purplish crimson; very showy.

Globosa, pink and yellow.

Henri Behrens, salmon rose.

Hesperia, rosy purple.

Humea, rosy white.

Humea rosea, deep rose.

Insignis, fine crimson.

J. Discaisne, white, yellow centre.

Lady Derby, flesh.

Lilacina fimbriata, rose.

Madame Bolet, flesh colored rose.

Madame Breon, dark brilliant purple.

Madame Lebon, deep rose or cherry; large.

Officinalis alba plena, (early) white.

Officinalis rosea plena, (early) rose.

Officinalis rubra plena, (early) red.

Osgood's Seedlings, single and double, all colors mixed; a very fine mixture.

Papaviflora, flesh pink.

Pulcherrima, light satin rose.

Pottsi, purple crimson; showy.

Pottsi plena, peach color.

Rosea plenissima superba, bright crimson.

Splendida, beautiful soft rose.

Victoire tricolor, rosy pink; late.

Virgo Maria, dwarf white.

SERIES B.

Each 50 cents. Per dozen (12 varieties) \$5.00. Per 100, our selection \$30.00.

Abotis, flesh, sulphur center.
Achille, light flesh.
Actæon, delicate pink.
Alba sulphurea, creamy white, very sweet.
Alba imbricata, ivory white, choice.
Acasta, flesh, threadlike petals in center.
Arethusa, soft, delicate pink.
Albion, cherry rose, edged paler.
Atalanta, rose and white.
Amalthea, soft pink.
Arsene Meuret, rose, semi-double; fine.
Auguste Lemoine, deep purplish red.
Bono, very fine rose.
Brennus, crimson, semi-double.
Candidissima, clear ivory white.
Ceres, flesh, yellow center.
Cyriosa, silvery cream color.
Dai, flesh, extra fine.
Elegans superba.
Formosa, white, carmine center.
Fulgida, crimson purple.
Halesus, French white.
Henri Demay, brilliant crimson.
Humea carnea, peach, white center.
Hesperides, white, flesh guard petals.
Jeanne d'Arc, rosy pink, white center; fine.
Jeromus, pink, yellow center.
Jugurtha, flesh.
Lady Bramwell, silvery rose, extra fine.
La Vestale, cream, white.
Lady Sefton, light rose, fine form.

Lilacina plenissima, white.
Lyceum, semi-double, light pink, extra.
Ladas, rose, very fine.
Lamartine, bright red.
Louis Van Houtte, bright crimson, fine form.
Madame Ducl, large salmon rose, silver striped.
Madame Chaumy, bright pink, tinged flesh, large and full; one of the best late varieties.
Magnifica, delicate pink.
Mrs. Lowe, double white.
Monsieur Boucharlat, pink, late.
Nico, purplish cherry.
Nivea plenissima, pure white.
Pearl, white shaded flesh, fine flower.
Princess Patricia, delicate flesh.
Prolifera tricolor, white, center yellow.
Psyche, soft rose.
Rosamond, bright rosy pink; extra.
Rossini, cherry rose.
Rosea grandiflora, soft-pink, large and double.
Saturnalia, lilac rose.
Stentor, pink.
Sylvanus, cherry.
Thisbe, flesh pink.
Tricolor grandiflora, flesh ochre center.
Thurlow's double rose, fine.
Vertumnus, flesh, yellowish inner petals; extra.
Vesper, blush, inner petals yellow.
Vulcan, dark cherry rose.
Zephyrus, beautiful blush.

SERIES C.

Each 75 cents. Per dozen (12 varieties) \$8.00. Per 100, our selection, \$60.00.

Acacus, white, pink center; extra.
Ancona, cherry rose; fine.
Agnes Mary Kelway, light rose.
Armandine Mechin, light amaranth, very brilliant.
Cyclops, purple crimson.
Duke of Clarence, cream, slightly flushed pink.
Eduard Andre, deep violet purple; fine form.
Edules superba, lively rose, slightly violet, large.
Eugenie Verdier, rosy pink, blush center.
Festiva maxima, (true) pure white, carmine stripes in center.

Gloire de Cheionceaux, current red, edges of petals silvery white.
Humea rosea fl. pl., deep pink, extra.
Madem Mechin, deep amaranth; large flower, late.
Madem Renee Dessert, fine lilac, with violet reflex.
Miss Brice, beautiful rose, tinged with yellow.
Nivalis, pure white, fine.
Plutarch, light crimson, fine form.
Polyphemus, peach color.
Prince George, purple.
Rosea superbissima, cherry extra.
Venus, delicate flesh, very nice formed flower.

SERIES D.

\$1.00 each, except as noted. Twelve plants, any twelve varieties, \$12.00.

Alonzo, deep crimson.
Baroness Schroeder, white, or flesh color.
Climax, deep pink, superb.
Delia, white, very extra.
Galene, white, crimson center, very fine.
Habid, deep pink, large and fine.
Helena, white, inner petals tipped yellow.
Lady Carrington, flesh, very fine.
Madame Calot, buff, centre rose.
Maria Kelway, very delicate flesh, or blush, beautiful.
Marquise de Lory, pure white, base of petals primrose, very extra.

Miss Salway, white guard petals, sulphur center.
Madem Auguste Peltreau, light rose, stamens carmine; extra, \$2.00 each.
Modeste Guerin, lively pink, large full flower.
Monsieur Rousselon, rose carmine; very extra.
Princess Beatrice, center yellow, pink guard petals, \$1.50 each.
Princess Irene, pink guard petals, yellow petaloids.
Princess Maude, white, red tips; extra.
Queen Victoria, flesh white, fine form. Superb.
Triumphans gandavensis, fine soft pink; very extra.

SERIES E.

RICHARDSON'S SEEDLINGS.

75 cents each, \$6.00 per doz. Price per 100 (an assortment) on application.

Raised from seed some twelve or fifteen years ago, by a Mr. Richardson, near Boston. Highly endorsed at the time by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Messrs. Marshall P. Wilder, Chas. M. Hovey, and others, and owned and named by the late John C. Hovey. What few are held by amateurs about Boston, are generally without names. Mine have been carefully propagated from the first, and every one will be found distinct. Considering their wonderful vigor, and free flowering habit; their season of blooming, — being among the latest — I think they cannot be surpassed by any double pæonies in Europe or America.

Dorchester, beautiful cream color, tinted pink; very double, finely formed and deliciously fragrant. Plant rather dwarf, but very floriferous.

Grandiflora, bright flesh or pink, fragrant; a vigorous plant, with well formed double flowers.

Norfolk, beautiful soft pink, and finely shaped flower; foliage usually mottled.

Perfection, very tall vigorous plant, bearing heavy crops of large, exceedingly double flowers, often raised at the center; light-pink fading to flesh; very sweet, the best of its color.

Rubra Superba, dark crimson red, very double and finely formed — fragrant. Plant robust, and very free flowering. One of the latest. The most valuable pæony of its color in my collection.

TREE, OR MOUTAN PÆONIES.

These form in time Shrubs of five or six feet in height, and when in bloom are "truly magnificent." They are hardy, and yet do better for a slight protection in winter. With me, the Tree Pæony does best on dry, well drained soil, made deep and rich by trenching, rather than on moist land. We can supply in single plants, over fifty varieties, and the **Banksii** variety by the hundred. Large, well formed flowering plants, *Price, \$1.00 to \$2.00 each, according to size and variety.*

N. B. My Iris and Hardy Phlox, of which I have a very choice collection, see "Novelty Circular," will be ready to ship this fall at same time as the pæonies, and as they will occupy very little space, will be suitable to pack in boxes with the pæonies.